

Letter from Henry W. Vaughn to Alexander Graham Bell, February 1, 1900

Boston, Mass. Feb. 1, 1900 Prof. A. Graham Bell, Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C. My dear Sir:—

It has been through no remissness of mine that I have not written you agreeably to your suggestion until now. I was markedly disappointed at what seemed to me to be your lack of interest in me. Since you have met with what is known as success, you have apparently forgotten or care little for the work done in your behalf by a little band of Providence scientists of which I was a member. Prof. John Pierce, shortly before his death, assured me that at heart he believed you appreciated our labors and the value of the results of our experiments which were all turned over to you. He further stated that it was, in his opinion, your father-in-law who, acting in what he believed to be for your best interest, prevented you from rendering to us the credit due. I asked you for no pecuniary assistance or for any reimbursement of sums spent in your behalf, but simply that you would seek to aid me in finding a position where such ability as I felt you believed I possessed might be made available and remunerative. Some time when I feel less keenly what seems to me now to be your ingratitude, I will write you again.

Faithfully, Henry W. Vaughan Dictated by H.W.V.